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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

## District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 17, 2022:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45′ N lat, 131°18.90′ W long to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point at 55°13.04′ N lat, 131°25.17′ W long to Point Davison Light at 54°59.64′ N lat, 131°36.84′ W long, then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed south of a line from Quadra Point at 55°05.15′ N lat, 130°59.10′ W long to Slate Island Light at 55°05.29′ N lat, 131°03.17′ W long, east of a line from Slate Island Light to Black Rock Light at 55°01.42′ N lat, 131°03.59′ W long, and north of a line from Black Rock Light to a point on the mainland shore at 55°01.40′ N lat, 131°00.20′ W long.

#### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 17, 2022:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73′ N lat with the following restrictions:

Kendrick Bay: will be closed west of 131°59.00' W long;

McLean Arm: will be closed west of 131°57.80′ W long;

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

#### District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 17, 2022:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Webster Point at 54°58.28′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Dall Island Shore</u>: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62′ N lat, 132°58.33′ W long to Shoe Island Light at 54°57.10′ N lat, 132°44.78′ W long to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80′ N lat, 132°41.83′ W long;

<u>Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40′ N lat, 132°24.77′ W long to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island at 54°53.16′ N lat, 132°24.56′ W long to a point at 54°49.68′ N lat, 132°20.50′ W long;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132°31.62′ W long.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch at 55°46.87′ N lat, 133°42.10′ W long to the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06′ N lat, 133°27.37′ W long to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda at 55°19.10′ N lat, 133°27.81′ W long with the following restrictions:

<u>Port Asumcion:</u> will be closed north and west of a line from Point Cosinas at 55°21.80′ N lat, 133°30.64′ W long to a point west of Point Maria located at 55°22.04′ N lat, 133°30.26′ W long;

Portillo Channel: will be closed north of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Amargura at 55°27.00′ N lat, 133°21.64′ W long to Arrecife Point at 55°27.07′ N lat, 133°25.75′ W long and south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06′ N lat, 133°27.37′ W long to Point Delgada at 55°30.80′ N lat, 133°28.76′ W long.

#### District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 17, 2022:

District 4: will be open.

### District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 17, 2022:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44′ N lat, 134°57.50′ W long to a point at 58°03.00′ N lat 134°57.85′ W long, south of 58°03.00′ N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light).

#### District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Sunday, July 17, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2022:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76' W long.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 31, 2022.

When under nonretention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or larger, purse seine fishermen are encouraged to quickly release Chinook salmon in a manner that minimizes mortality. If Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches are retained, the fisherman is in violation and may be issued a citation. Retained Chinook salmon will be donated, and the fisherman may be subject to the cost associated with processing the fish for donation. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

To date, 185 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 1,500 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000

sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and may take management actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

There are no scheduled common property purse seine openings for the Hidden Falls THA in 2022. Due to a low projected run of chum salmon, the Hidden Falls THA will be managed for broodstock. NSRAA will assess run strength through a weekly test fishery and if excess chum salmon to broodstock needs are available, common property openings may be announced. Purse seiners are advised that openings may be announced with a minimum 24-hour notice, if necessary, to maximize fish quality.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3522.

# Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Mid-week 29 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 15, 2022

	NUMBERS OF SALMON						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	3,800	800	120,000	9,500	134,100	42
District 2	0	250	150	700	36,000	37,100	6
District 3	0	300	100	800	30,000	31,200	15
District 4	0	15,000	3,500	38,000	27,000	83,500	20
Total	0	19,350	4,550	159,500	102,500	285,900	83

NUMBERS OF SALMON

	FISH PER BOAT						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	90	19	2,857	226	3,193	
District 2	0	42	25	117	6,000	6,183	
District 3	0	20	7	53	2,000	2,080	
District 4	0	750	175	1,900	1,350	4,175	

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 46,000 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: confidential.

Section 13-B: confidential.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 840 Chinook and 12,400 chum salmon.

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